

## Pueblo Politics: Yavapai testing new vote system

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The elections folks in Yavapai county are testing a new system on Election Day, in which voters sign in on electronic poll books instead of on paper.

Yavapai county officials tested the system at four polling places during the May sales tax election, and will try it county-wide Tuesday, said Secretary of State Ken Bennett.

Instead of signing in on paper when voters show up to vote, they will register with an electronic poll book, Bennett said.

If the test is successful, it could mean voters could vote from any polling place in future elections.

Yavapai is expected to report its experience to all the counties at an upcoming election meeting, Bennett said.

The Secretary of State doesn't have the authority to tell all the counties to convert, as state law leaves many elections decisions up to local officials. But if Yavapai sees good results, other counties could also try it out.

The main advantage is that people could vote from any location in the future, Bennett said. No more rushing on your way to work, or wishing you could vote on your lunch break but not having time to drive home to your polling place.

Unless you voted early, you still have to vote at the correct polling place. To find out where yours is, call the Pima County Recorder's office at 740-4330 or check online.